

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 397, nays 20, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 257]

YEAS—397

Abercrombie	Clyburn	Goodlatte
Ackerman	Coble	Gordon
Aderholt	Cohen	Granger
Alexander	Cole (OK)	Graves
Allen	Conaway	Green, Al
Altmire	Conyers	Green, Gene
Andrews	Cooper	Grijalva
Arcuri	Costa	Gutierrez
Baca	Costello	Hall (NY)
Bachmann	Courtney	Hall (TX)
Bachus	Cramer	Hare
Baird	Crenshaw	Harman
Baker	Crowley	Hastings (FL)
Baldwin	Cuellar	Hastings (WA)
Barrow	Culberson	Hayes
Bartlett (MD)	Cummings	Heller
Barton (TX)	Davis (AL)	Herger
Bean	Davis (CA)	Herseth Sandlin
Becerra	Davis (IL)	Higgins
Berkley	Davis (KY)	Hill
Berman	Davis, David	Hinche
Berry	Davis, Lincoln	Hinojosa
Biggert	Davis, Tom	Hirono
Bilirakis	Deal (GA)	Hobson
Bishop (GA)	DeFazio	Hodes
Bishop (NY)	DeGette	Hoekstra
Bishop (UT)	Delahunt	Holden
Blumenauer	DeLauro	Holt
Blunt	Dent	Honda
Boehner	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hooley
Bonner	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hoyer
Bono	Dicks	Hulshof
Boozman	Dingell	Hunter
Boren	Doggett	Inglis (SC)
Boswell	Donnelly	Inslee
Boucher	Doolittle	Israel
Boustany	Doyle	Issa
Boyd (FL)	Drake	Jackson (IL)
Boyd (KS)	Dreier	Jackson-Lee
Brady (TX)	Edwards	(TX)
Braley (IA)	Ehlers	Jefferson
Brown (SC)	Ellison	Jindal
Brown, Corrine	Ellsworth	Johnson (GA)
Brown-Waite,	Emanuel	Johnson (IL)
Ginny	Emerson	Johnson, E. B.
Buchanan	Engel	Jones (NC)
Burgess	English (PA)	Jones (OH)
Burton (IN)	Eshoo	Jordan
Butterfield	Etheridge	Kagen
Buyer	Everett	Kanjorski
Calvert	Fallin	Kaptur
Camp (MI)	Farr	Keller
Cannon	Ferguson	Kennedy
Cantor	Filner	Kildee
Capito	Forbes	Kilpatrick
Capps	Fortenberry	Kind
Capuano	Fox	King (IA)
Cardoza	Frank (MA)	Kingston
Carnahan	Frelinghuysen	Kirk
Carney	Gallely	Klein (FL)
Carson	Gerlach	Kline (MN)
Carter	Giffords	Knollenberg
Castle	Gillibrand	Kucinich
Castor	Gillmor	Kuhl (NY)
Chabot	Gingrey	LaHood
Chandler	Gohmert	Langevin
Clay	Gonzalez	Lantos
Cleaver	Goode	Larsen (WA)

Larson (CT)	Neal (MA)	Sherman
Latham	Neugebauer	Shimkus
LaTourette	Nunes	Shuler
Lee	Oberstar	Shuster
Levin	Obey	Simpson
Lewis (CA)	Olver	Sires
Lewis (GA)	Ortiz	Skelton
Lewis (KY)	Pallone	Slaughter
Linder	Pascarella	Smith (NE)
Lipinski	Pastor	Smith (NJ)
LoBiondo	Payne	Smith (TX)
Loeback	Pearce	Smith (WA)
Lofgren, Zoe	Perlmutter	Snyder
Lowey	Peterson (MN)	Solis
Lucas	Peterson (PA)	Souder
Lungren, Daniel E.	Petri	Space
Lynch	Pickering	Spratt
Mack	Pitts	Stark
Mahoney (FL)	Platts	Stearns
Maloney (NY)	Poe	Stupak
Marchant	Pomeroy	Tanner
Markey	Porter	Tauscher
Marshall	Price (GA)	Taylor
Matheson	Price (NC)	Terry
Matsui	Pryce (OH)	Thompson (CA)
McCarthy (CA)	Putnam	Thompson (MS)
McCarthy (NY)	Radanovich	Thornberry
McCaul (TX)	Rahall	Tiahrt
McCollum (MN)	Ramstad	Tiberi
McCotter	Rangel	Tierney
McCrery	Regula	Towns
McDermott	Rehberg	Turner
McGovern	Reichert	Udall (CO)
McHenry	Renzi	Udall (NM)
McHugh	Reyes	Upton
McIntyre	Reynolds	Van Hollen
McKeon	Rodriguez	Velázquez
McMorris	Rogers (AL)	Visclosky
Rodgers	Rogers (KY)	Walberg
McNerney	Rogers (MI)	Walden (OR)
McNulty	Ros-Lehtinen	Walsh (NY)
Meehan	Roskam	Walz (MN)
Meek (FL)	Ross	Wamp
Meeks (NY)	Rothman	Wasserman
Melancon	Roybal-Allard	Schultz
Mica	Ruppersberger	Waters
Michaud	Rush	Watson
Miller (FL)	Ryan (OH)	Watt
Miller (MI)	Ryan (WI)	Waxman
Miller (NC)	Salazar	Weiner
Miller, Gary	Sánchez, Linda T.	Welch (VT)
Miller, George	Sanchez, Loretta	Weldon (FL)
Mitchell	Sarbanes	Weller
Mollohan	Saxton	Wexler
Moore (KS)	Schakowsky	Whitfield
Moore (WI)	Schiff	Wicker
Moran (KS)	Schmidt	Wilson (NM)
Moran (VA)	Schwartz	Wilson (OH)
Murphy (CT)	Scott (GA)	Wilson (SC)
Murphy, Patrick	Scott (VA)	Wolf
Murphy, Tim	Sensenbrenner	Woolsey
Murtha	Serrano	Wu
Musgrave	Sessions	Yarmuth
Hunter	Sestak	Young (AK)
Nadler	Shays	Young (FL)
Napolitano	Shea-Porter	

NAYS—20

Akin	Franks (AZ)	Pence
Barrett (SC)	Garrett (NJ)	Rohrabacher
Blackburn	Hensarling	Royce
Campbell (CA)	Johnson, Sam	Sali
Duncan	Lamborn	Shadegg
Feeney	Manzullo	Tancredo
Flake	Paul	

NOT VOTING—15

Bilbray	Fattah	Lampson
Brady (PA)	Fossella	Sullivan
Clarke	Gilchrest	Sutton
Cubin	Hastert	Westmoreland
Davis, Jo Ann	King (NY)	Wynn

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 1912

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title was amended so as to read: "A bill to authorize programs for support of the early career development of science and engineering researchers,

and for support of graduate fellowships, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 362, 10,000 TEACHERS, 10 MILLION MINDS SCIENCE AND MATH SCHOLARSHIP ACT

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to conform the table of contents to the text of H.R. 362.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill, H.R. 363, as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1332, SMALL BUSINESS LENDING IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2007

Ms. SLAUGHTER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-108) on the resolution (H. Res. 330) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1332) to improve the access to capital programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 249, WILD FREE-ROAMING HORSES AND BURROS SALE AND SLAUGHTER PROHIBITION

Ms. SLAUGHTER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-109) on the resolution (H. Res. 331) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 249) to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1591, U.S. TROOP READINESS, VETERANS' HEALTH, AND IRAQ ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, 2007

Ms. SLAUGHTER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-110) on the

resolution (H. Res. 332) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1591) making energy supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ANNIVERSARY OF ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

(Mr. COSTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 96th anniversary of the Armenian genocide.

On March 24, 1915, 300 Armenian leaders were rounded up and deported and killed under the orders from the young Turk Government. And so began the genocide that lasted for 7 years, resulting in an estimated over 1.5 million Armenian deaths. To this day, unfortunately, the Turkish Government denies that this occurred.

Ladies and gentlemen, Members of the House, I just returned from Darfur with a group of our colleagues 2 weeks ago. Over 450,000 people have been killed and millions displaced in Darfur; yet government officials claim there is no genocide, that the situation is overblown.

Yesterday Rwanda, today Darfur. And we can remember the Holocaust. Clearly, silence is genocide's best ally. It is time that the Congress end this silence and pass the Armenian genocide resolution. The message will be clear: the United States of America will never forget and never stand for those who support genocide.

□ 1915

PROTECT IMPORTANT TAX RELIEF

(Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to express my concern that Democrats will not extend tax relief measures critical to the American people. Residents in my State are at risk. Floridians currently have the ability to deduct their sales tax from their Federal tax returns. However, this deduction expires after 2007.

As Democrats set the agenda for the coming year, there is talk of offsetting increases in Federal spending by raising taxes for millions of Americans. Frankly, I worry that they will use this important provision to pay for additional spending.

Listen up America: Congress needs to make sure that taxpayers do not face unnecessary tax increases. I appeal to my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to ensure that our constituents can keep more of their hard-earned money.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

DO NOT FORGET IMPRISONED TEXAS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today is the 98th day since a great injustice took place in this country. On January 17, 2007, two U.S. Border Patrol agents entered Federal prison to begin serving 11 and 12 year sentences respectively.

Agents Compean and Ramos were convicted last spring for shooting a Mexican drug smuggler who brought 743 pounds of marijuana across our border into Texas. These agents never should have been prosecuted, yet the U.S. Attorney's Office prosecuted the agents and granted immunity to the drug smuggler, who claimed he was unarmed. The illegal drug smuggler received full medical care in El Paso, Texas, was permitted to return to Mexico, and is suing the Border Patrol for \$5 million for violating his civil rights.

Mr. Speaker, he is not an American citizen. He is a criminal.

The same U.S. Attorney's Office in western Texas also prosecuted another law enforcement officer, Deputy Sheriff Gilmer Hernandez, who was doing his job to protect the American people. This makes no sense. Citizens across this country and many of us in Congress want to know why does the Federal prosecutor in western Texas choose to go after law enforcement officers while protecting illegal aliens who commit crimes.

The American people have not forgotten agents Ramos and Compean, who should never have been sentenced to jail. Instead, they should be commended for trying to protect the American people. I encourage citizens across this country to continue calling the White House and asking the President to use his authority to immediately pardon these two heroes.

Many of us in Congress are concerned about the Federal prosecutor in this case and the justification for the criminal charges brought against these agents. Senate Judiciary chairman PATRICK LEAHY has already approved Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN's request for an investigation of this case; and just last week in testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Attorney General Gonzales responded to Senator JOHN CORNYN's call for an oversight hearing by promising to fully cooperate.

Mr. Speaker, I am hopeful that the House, under the leadership of House

Judiciary chairman JOHN CONYERS, will soon hold hearings to look into this injustice.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that the House will continue to encourage the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Mr. CONYERS, to look into this case, and I ask the American people to continue to call the White House and to complain about this injustice.

MOURNING THE PASSING OF DAVID HALBERSTAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LEWIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, yesterday this Nation lost one of its most gifted journalists and authors in a car accident in California, David Halberstam.

As a reporter for The New York Times, his coverage of the Vietnam War earned him a Pulitzer Prize and the enduring respect of his colleagues. This man embodied the spirit of a thoughtful, free, and independent press.

President Kennedy was so frustrated by the truth of his reporting on Vietnam that he once called The New York Times and demanded David be fired. The New York Times did not back down, and neither did David. He was labeled unpatriotic because the stories he wrote did not flatter the administration. But he reported what he saw, regardless of the consequences. Now we see the value of his great insight in the history of that conflict.

I have often said that without the members of the press, the civil rights movement would have been like a bird without wings. In David's reporting at the Nashville Tennessee and later in his book on the Nashville student movement, called "The Children," he delivered the message of injustice in the South.

We trusted David. We knew that he was determined to report the truth. We trusted that he would get the story right, and we believed he would be fair. He was deeply moved and affected by the dizzy dint, the commitment and the dedication of the young people in the Nashville student movement because they were prepared to face violence with non-violence and peace.

I feel that we have lost one of the greatest minds in America, who understood the deepest ramification of violence and war. I only wish that he were here today for Members of this body to consult as we try to find answers in Iraq.

David was a sympathetic referee in the cause of civil rights and social justice. He helped convince the Nation that the price of segregation and racial discrimination was too high. He used his pad and his pen to answer the calling of his conscience. He stood up for what he believed to be right.

This Nation will always be indebted to him and people like him, who are